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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the increasingly serious problem of oil pollution
of the North Sea

A - Despite all measures taken up to now

- (a) the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive on the implementation of international norms for safety at sea and on the prevention of maritime pollution in connection with shipping in Community ports (Doc. 1-332/80), Spaak report
- (b) the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Council decision setting up a Community information system to prevent and combat oil pollution at sea (Doc. 1-333/80), Maij-Weggen report
- (c) the report by the European Parliament on measures to counteract the consequences of accidents in the course of which oil is discharged into the sea and coastal areas, Muntingh resolution, (Doc. 1-310/79), Spaak report
- (d) the report by the European Parliament on the prevention of accidents in connection with the extraction of oil and gas in north-west European waters, Muntingh resolution, (Doc. 1-309/79), Maij-Weggen report
- (e) communication from the Commission to the Council dated 26.7.1980 on measures to combat oil pollution at sea
- (f) questions by Mrs Schleicher of 15.10.1980, Mrs Hemeldonk of 15.6.1982 and Mr Jürgens of 8.7.1982
- (g) the report of 20.12.1982 by the Federal German Government on measures to prevent tanker accidents and control oil pollution at sea and in coastal areas
- (h) the resolution of 16.6.1981 by Mr Bangemann on pollution of the North Sea

oil pollution of the North Sea is constantly increasing,

B - the winter of 1982/1983 saw an unusual increase in the number of birds killed by oil pollution,

C - the oil report published by the Heligoland bird observatory in 1982 provides dramatic information on this trend,

The European Parliament therefore requests the Commission

1. To arrange jointly with the European Parliament, a hearing on the island of Heligoland at the earliest opportunity with all the institutions and parties concerned by this problem;
2. To introduce, in conjunction with the countries concerned, immediate measures such as improved surveillance of maritime traffic, including aerial surveillance, more stringent port controls, monitoring of oil, gas and exploratory drilling wells, the incorporation of black boxes on ships carrying dangerous cargoes, the development and introduction of automatic data recorders for ships' voyages: priority must be given to eliminating any technical difficulties which may still exist after the entry into force of the Marpol Convention on 2 October 1983. This involves the introduction of effective monitoring and control instruments for use on board vessels and the construction of shore-based reception facilities for mixtures containing harmful liquid substances in the most dangerous category.